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Committee: Human Rights Council

Topic: Promotion and Protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights, including the Right to Development

1 *The Human Rights Council,*

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3 *Expressing with regret* the existence of barriers that impede women’s ability to receive an
4 education, and the ensuing consequences to gender inequality in the workplace and in general
5 development practices,

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7 *Reiterating* the contribution and role of rural women in enhancing agricultural and rural
8 development, improving food security and eradicating rural poverty,

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10 *Believing* that women’s and girls’ empowerment and gender equality are critical to efforts to
11 maintain international peace and security,

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13 *Reaffirming* the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (UDHR), the International Covenant on
14 Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and
15 Cultural Rights (ICESCR),

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17 *Recognizing* the importance of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 focusing on woman’s
18 economic empowerment and gender equality, which will build upon the Millennium
19 Development Goals (MDGs) and it does converge with the post 2015 development agenda

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21 *Also recalling* Security Council resolution 2122 (2013) that acknowledges the impact of armed
22 conflict on girls and women, which requests updates in the form of periodic self-reports by
23 Member States,

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25 *Keeping in mind* respect for national sovereignty as well as for traditional cultural and religious
26 values, beliefs, and practices, emphasized in the Universal Declaration of Cultural Diversity,

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28 *Fully aware of* already existing UN bodies and frameworks that promote women’s empowerment
29 around the globe, such as United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of
30 Women (UN Women) and the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW),

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32 *Recognizes* the benefactions from Girl Up, which is a United Nations campaign that ensure
33 young women contain the opportunity to have an education and health services.

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35 *Aware* of the contributions from non-governmental organizations (NGOs), which supported by
36 the United Nations and local organizations provide education to women such as UN Women,

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38 1. *Urges* Member States to provide assistance in the form of free weekly education sessions to
39 women and youth in states and areas where education is underdeveloped or inaccessible in
40 developing states,

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- 42 2. *Recommends* educational opportunities to developing states and to be increased by :
43 a. Partnering with UN Women’s cooperation with UNICEF
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45 b. Increased accessibility of primary/secondary education of girls by:
46 i. Funding Transportation Cost;
47 ii. Providing text book aid money;
48 iii. Provide security if applicable for violence towards girls being educated;
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50 c. Encourage mix gender classroom settings and not gender segregated schools,
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52 d. Encourage higher education institution to take on more women,
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54 e. Vocational training schools with targets for vocations traditionally perceived as male
55 dominated positions,
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57 a. Through an annual seven day conference which is open to all Member States;
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59 b. To highlight successes and initiate further avenues for progress in furthering the right
60 to development for women and girls;
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- 62 3. *Welcomes* all Member States establish a foundation to help finance development for the
63 promotion of women in regards predominantly to clause five and to be allocated primarily to
64 the countries with greater need for these programs such as UN Women and UNICEF and to
65 do the following:
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67 a. Women’s sanitation products, which would allow women to attend educational
68 sessions during their menstrual cycles;
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70 b. Transportation services to provide a safe and efficient means for women to make use
71 of the educational facilities;
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73 c. Supplementation for women’s families in order to reach economically disadvantaged
74 students;
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- 76 4. *Recommends* HRC for the alignment of the strategic goal-setting and programs of action of
77 the HRC with UN Women and the CSW, particularly through:
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79 a. Expansion of UN Women’s Training for Gender Equality Community of Practice to
80 include increased opportunities for implementation of agendas developed in the
81 Beijing + 20 summit;
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- 83 5. *Recommends* member-states to provide equal opportunities for women’s participation in
84 governmental activities, in order to reduce current gender gaps within political system by:
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86 a. Having targets which will be progressively increase over the years for female
87 representation in national parliaments and provincial legislative institution,

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- b. Having targets in member state’s civil service and other bureaucratic government departments,
 - c. Having targets in the head of government’s cabinet for min. female cabinet members,
 - d. Applauding any past prominent female politician in the national education system as an example for girls to follow and for students to respect both female and male leaders,
 - e. Encourage women to take active leading civil society roles on a local level,
 - f. Parallel any existing targets that exist in the business world such as boardroom targets if applicable;
6. *Suggests* continued cooperation between Member States and ECOSOC-accredited NGOs in order to further the aims of this resolution;
7. *Calls Upon* the Office High Commissioner of Human rights to address violence against women, which includes legislating violence against women as a serious offense against humanity, including but not limited to:
- a. Encouraging the criminalization of sex trafficking and the penalization of traffickers, facilitators, and intermediaries,
 - i. Implementing combative regulation towards sex trafficking and ensuring protection and assistance to victims of trafficking
 - ii. Welcomes the OHCHR's Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights at International Borders while also realizing victims of sex trafficking are being transported across borders without sufficient regulation
 - b. Implementing systems to better streamline reporting cases of sexual violence;
 - c. Encouraging the criminalization of domestic abuse, particularly in the cases of spousal and child abuse;
 - d. Promoting the notion of equality in accordance with the UN charter by establishing active systems to aid in the elimination of sexual violence;
 - e. Educating populations not to engage in sexual violence through:
 - i. NGO Advertisement Campaigns;
 - ii. Implementing curriculum/courses within educational systems;
8. *Promotes* organizations or campaigns like Girl Up of the United Nations and other NGOs, which provide girls the opportunity to get educated in developing countries.